



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
COMMANDER NAVY RESERVE FORCES COMMAND  
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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23551-4615

December 26, 2012

The Honorable Leonard Lance  
Member, United States House  
of Representatives  
23 Royal Road  
Flemington, NJ 08822

Attention: (b) (6)

Dear Mr. Lance:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2012, concerning your constituent Commander (b) (6) regarding TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) benefits.

TRS is a voluntary, premium-based health plan available for purchase by qualified members of the Selected Reserve to provide coverage for themselves and eligible dependents, when they are not on active duty. In accordance with Title 10, Section 1076D eligibility for TRICARE Standard coverage shall end upon the termination of member's service in the Selected Reserve. TRS policies are promulgated annually and updated as required via the TRICARE Management Activity website. These policies outline TRS eligibility and processing requirements. Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command Notice (COMNAVRESFORNOTE) 5400 is published yearly and provides guidance on the Inactive Duty Training (IDT) assignment procedures for Senior Officers.

Our records indicate Commander (b) (6) was selected for a 2-year Selected Reserve assignment in fiscal year 2011. However, because Commander (b) (6) could not assume his IDT assignment by the established March 31, 2011 deadline due to accepting voluntary Active Duty for Training (ADT) orders he was transferred out of a Selected Reserve status effective June 8, 2011 in accordance with COMNAVRESFORNOTE 5400. Upon completing his ADT assignment on September 30, 2012, Commander (b) (6) returned to a drilling status in a non-pay assignment as he was not chosen for a Selected Reserve position in fiscal year 2013; rendering him and his dependents ineligible for TRS benefits.

IDT assignments are generated to meet mobilization requirements across the Navy Reserve Force and are generally not back-dated. My staff received a request from Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence on October 3, 2012 to allow Commander (b) (6) to temporarily assume an IDT assignment with their command. The request was processed in a timely manner and approved on October 12, 2012 with a projected rotation date of November 30, 2012. Because the request was not received until

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October 3, 2012 and the interim assignment was not approved until October 12, 2012, Commander (b) (6) is ineligible for retroactive TRS benefits.

TRS premium matters fall under the cognizance of the TRICARE Management Activity; for this reason my staff is unable to provide insight on payment issues. To be of assistance, your inquiry regarding the aforementioned will be forwarded to TRICARE Management Activity for review and direct response.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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Captain, U.S. Navy  
Chief of Staff